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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The method of adding the polymerizable anhydropolyamino acid (A) is not specifically limited, but includes, for example, (1) a method of previously mixing an aqueous solution of a previously hydrolyzed polymerizable anhydropolyamino acid (A) with an aqueous solution of a sulfonic acid group-containing polymerizable monomer, (2) a method of simultaneously pouring an aqueous solution of a sulfonic acid group-containing polymerizable monomer, (3) a method of pouring during temperature rise, or (4) a method of pouring after the polymerization was initiated by heat generation. Among these methods, the method (4) is preferred because it can maintain the stability of the system more satisfactorily.

Please replace Table 5 at page 37 with the following rewritten Table 5:

